

## DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this RFP, the following definitions apply:

### **Criminogenic:**

Offenders have a variety of needs, some of which are directly linked to criminal behavior. These criminogenic needs are dynamic risk factors that, when addressed or changed, affect the offender's risk for recidivism. Examples of criminogenic needs are: criminal personality; antisocial attitudes, values, and beliefs; low self control; criminal peers; substance abuse; and dysfunctional family. Based on an assessment of the offender, these criminogenic needs can be prioritized so that services are focused on the greatest criminogenic needs. (Andrews & Bonta, 1998; Lipton, et al, 2000; Elliott, 2001; Harland, 1996)

### **Strength-Based Model:**

A model that emphasis and builds on the strength, personal growth and interests of an individual verses one that focuses on deficits, negative behavior and punitive interventions. A Strength-Based Model also provides opportunities and/or incentives for behavior improvement.

### **DJJ Re-Entry Specialist/Parole Agent:**

DJJ Re-Entry Specialist/Parole Agent will serve as liaisons to the contract providers, institutions, parole offices, other agencies, systems and organizations to ensure that youthful offenders and their families are provided needed services in the community and to improve youthful offender transition to the community in the areas of education, employment, substance abuse, mental health, housing and required subsistence needs. The Re-Entry Specialist/Parole Agent will begin working with the youthful offender and family at the time of commitment and placement with the contract provider.

### **Post-Secondary Education Classes:**

Post-Secondary Education Classes are to set the stage for individuals who have obtained their High School diploma or Graduate Equivalency Diploma (GED) and wish to further their education towards a College, Junior College or Vocational Program through a system that is accessible, flexible and responsive regardless of where a student chooses to learn.

### **Contraband:**

Contraband is anything which is not permitted, in excess of the maximum quantity permitted, or received or obtained from an unauthorized source. In addition, if possessed, could by its very nature be injurious to persons or property, would adversely affect program objectives or institutional/facility security, or would require an inordinate amount of staff resources to keep secure or supervise.

**Trauma-Informed Services:**

Trauma-informed services are provided for problems other than trauma but require staff knowledge about violence against women and the impact of trauma; thereby increasing their effectiveness.